

REMARKS

Claims 5-9 have been objected to as being in improper multiple dependent format. The claims have been amended.

Claims 1-4 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as anticipated by Junqua. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

In the present invention, an orthographic input is converted into a phonetic transcription. This means, for example, that the word “Chaque Chirac” is converted into the phonetic transcription given on page 6, lines 26 (the phonetic transcription of a German speaking native in the example). Then, a transcription from the phonetic notation into a pseudo orthographic representation is given. This pseudo orthographic notation is described on page 6, line 28. In this context, pseudo orthographic is a notation wherein normal orthographic signs, i.e. letters, are used, but the normal orthographic regulation are not considered, but it is rather written as a person would pronounce the word.

Junqua, on the other hand, discloses a conversion of spelled words into a phonetic transcription. The problem for the respective lexica is that the memory needed requires a large amount of memory space. Hence, methods are sought for economizing memory usage (see, for example, col. 1, lines 29-45). To overcome this problem of memory space after phoneticizing, the phonetic transcriptions are converted into hybrid sound units for compact storage in a lexicon (col. 2, lines 10-13). These hybrid units can comprise a mixture of several different sound units, including syllables or demi-syllables phonemes and the like (col. 2, lines 13-16). Hence, the hybrid units are rather a shortened phonemes transcription than an orthographic notation.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no.449122019600. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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